

(c) As per the Fifth All India Educational Survey 1986, 94% of the population had a primary school within 1 km. and 84% had an upper primary school within 3 km. Though a large number of primary and upper primary schools have been established by States and UTs to provide universal elementary education to all 6—14 age children, there are still a large number of unserved habitations not having a school within 1 km. The Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative and Innovative Education programme is being launched in the current financial year to provide access to children in such habitations.

Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons in Anugul

***299. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:** Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons whose lands had been acquired for setting up of NALCO in Anugul region of Orissa, stating how much land was acquired;

(b) what plans were formulated for rehabilitation of those persons; and

(c) the progress made so far in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) NALCO has acquired 3993.85 acres of land for setting of its Smelter Plant, Captive Power Plant and Township at Anugul, and 4118 families have been affected thereby.

(b) and (c) NALCO formulated a policy in 1984 for providing assistance to the displaced persons by way of employment, or allotment of shops in the township, or award of petty contract jobs. As a result of this policy, 1366 persons have been given employment directly in the Company, 135 persons have been engaged as contractors or sub-contractors and

1982 persons have been engaged as contract labourers. The Company has allotted shops to 15 persons from the affected villages.

Panel to Review National Population Policy

†*300. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a new panel to review implementation of National Population Policy, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States where growth rate of population is increasing continuously; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to control the increasing growth rate of population in those States?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) A National Commission on Population has been constituted on 11th May, 2000 under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister to oversee and review the implementation of the National Population Policy. The members of the Commission are Chief Ministers of all States and UTs, Central Minister in Charge of concerned Central Ministries and Departments, reputed demographers, public health professionals, social activists, representatives of Industry Corporate Sector and NGOs. The Commission had its first meeting on 22nd July, 2000.

(c) The growth rate of Population has shown a decreasing trend in all States during 1996 to 1998 as per the report under Sample Registration System, conducted by Registrar General of India. A Statement showing Natural Increase (%) in the major States during this period is annexed. (See below)

(d) The following steps have been taken by Government under the National Family Welfare Programme to stabilize the increase in population:

(i) An integrated and holistic program of Reproductive and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.